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The Yenan Fraction of the Chinese Communist Party is now purging the Sungpei Fraction with the intention of suppressing it completely. All members of the Sungpei group were placed under investigation by the Yenan Fraction after HSIEL Yu-ch'in (謝雨琴), chairman of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association, was taken into custody in early January 1948 for opposing the evacuation of civilians from Harbin in the Chinese Communist land redistribution program during the winter.

Note: [redacted] HSIEL was found guilty of collaborating with the Nationalists.) 25X1

Military men above the rank of division commander who are members of the Sungpei Fraction are being transferred on various pretexts to minor positions, such as that of provincial commissioner, and being replaced by Yenan Fraction members. Regiment, battalion and company commanders of the Sungpei Fraction are being transferred to Chiamussu for "training". The same is happening in political circles.

The following known changes have been made:

- a. LIU Ch'ing-ting (柳清庭), garrison commander at Chiamussu, was made a provincial commissioner.
- b. LIU Shu-ch'ing (柳樹清), political commissioner at Sanchaho (126-02, 44-59), was made a supervisory commissioner (清查委員).
- c. CHOU Wei-pin (周維品), former head of the Harbin Public Safety Bureau, was given a sick leave.

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Note: [redacted] CHOU was appointed chief of the Sungchiang Province Production Bureau and, concurrently, chief of the Sungchiang Military Zone Intelligence Section 25X1

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- d. YU T'ien-fang (于天放), commander of the North Manchuria Military Zone, was dismissed.

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- e. IU Cheng-ts'ao (丘正操) is under investigation.
- f. Nineteen regiment commanders, all colonels, have been made political commissioners; seven others have been dismissed.
- g. Nine battalion commanders, all majors, have been dismissed; eleven others have been transferred to the police or political fields.

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